

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS ~~DEVICES~~ FOR ASSISTING IN ~~[[THE]]~~
POSITIONING AND/OR GUIDING ~~[[OF]]~~ MEDICAL DEVICES

Please amend the following paragraphs as shown:

[0020] FIGURE 1 shows one embodiment of probe 10 having bracket 12 releasably attached thereto. This attachment, for example, is by fitting a first side 71 of the bracket over protrusion 13 on probe 10, as shown in FIGURE 7A. The other side 72 of the bracket fits over the other side 15 of probe 10 as shown in FIGURE 7B, and locks between protrusions 73 and 74 up against slot 14 of probe 10 again, as shown in FIGURE 7C. Slot 702 snaps over protrusion ~~[[13]]~~ 73 to hold bracket 12 from swinging open. Probe 10, in the embodiment of FIGURE 1, can be an ultrasound probe.

[0023] FIGURE 2 shows bracket 12 having medical device guide 20 mounted thereon. Note that device 20 and device 12 can be a single structure if desired. Device 20 in the embodiment shown, is a device for holding a needle (shown in FIGURE 4) within groove 22. Release control portion 50 holds the needle in position, while end portion 51 serves to release the needle when the needle has been properly positioned. If device 20 and device 12 are separate structures, they can be releasably mated as shown in FIGURES 8A and 8B. As shown in FIGURE 8A, one end of device 20 is mated via pins 82 (shown in FIGURE 8C) being inserted into bracket ~~[[82]]~~ 83. Once pin ~~[[83]]~~ 82 is positioned in bracket ~~[[82]]~~ 83, guide 20 is rotated toward probe 10 and snaps in position under control of tab 81 of bracket 12 releasably locking on edge 21 of device 20.